



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Kiyoshi Nishio) Art Unit: 3679
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Appln. No. : 09/581,213) Ex: A. Dunwoody
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Filed : June 22, 2000)
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For : PIPE JOINT MADE OF RESIN)

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Introductory Comments

This response is being filed pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.111 in a bona fide effort to place this application in condition for allowance. It is responsive to the Office Action of December 2, 2003.

An appropriate petition for an Extension of Time has been filed concurrently herewith.